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SUBJ: SECURITY PRECAUTIONS BEFORE THE ELECTION

1. SENSITIZED BY THE CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF VIOLENCE, BY CRITICISM OF OPPOSITION POLITICAL LEADERS (PRIMARILY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT) AND BY CONCERN FOR THE IMAGE OF TURKISH DEMOCRACY, GOT SECURITY OFFICIALS ARE GOING ALL OUT TO INSURE THAT THE JUNE 5 ELECTION TAKES PLACE IN RELATIVE TRANQUILITY. THE GOVERNORS OF ISTANBUL, ANKARA AND IZMIR PROVINCES HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT SWEEPING SECURITY MEASURES ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN.

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AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, POLICE FORCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAVE CONDUCTED RAIDS DURING THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS SEARCHING FOR ILLEGAL ARMS AND AMMUNITION. THE GOVERNOR OF ANKARA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT EVEN PERSONS LICENSED TO CARRY FIRE ARMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO SO JUNE 5. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, A MOTORIZED GENDARMERIE REGIMENT IS BEING STATIONED IN ANKARA FOR THE DAY.

2. ALTHOUGH THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THESE EFFORTS IS CLEARLY TO PROVIDE FOR A PEACEFUL ELECTION DAY, A SECONDARY AIM IS TO CONVINCE TURKISH VOTERS THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR BY GOING TO THE POLLS ON SUNDAY. PRESIDENT KORUTURK HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN THIS CAMPAIGN OF REASSURANCE. AS THIS TELEGRAM IS BEING WRITTEN, KORUTURK IS MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR, MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND OTHER SENIOR CONCERNED AUTHORITIES TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY MEASURES.

3. DESPITE THE VIOLENCE THAT HAS ATTENDED THE CAMPAIGN, WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT MOST TURKISH VOTERS ARE DETERMINED TO VOTE AND THEY HAVE BEEN REASSURED BY RECENT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO INSURE ELECTION SECURITY. ALTHOUGH INCIDENTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY OCCUR (FOR EXAMPLE, VILENT ATTEMPTS MAY BE MADE TO DISRUPT ECEVIT'S ISTANTBUL RALLY JUNE 3), IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SUFFICIENTLY ORGANIZED ITSELF SO AS TO PREVENT THOSE INCIDENTS FROM DISRUPTING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS ON JUNE 5.
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